

Written Testimony of Daniel J. Krisch in Support of H.B. 6548:
An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Jury Selection Task Force

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Co-Chair Stafstrom, Co-Chair Winfield, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Vice Chair Kasser, Ranking Member Fishbein, Ranking Member Kissel and members of the Judiciary Committee: My name is Daniel Krisch. I am an attorney at Halloran Sage in Hartford, a resident of Glastonbury, and a member of the Judicial Branch's Judicial Selection Task Force. I am offering this written testimony in support on H.B. 6548.

H.B. 6548 is an important and substantial first step towards eradicating systemic bias in our jury system. H.B. 6548 changes how Connecticut summons residents for jury service, and who is summoned, in several ways – all with the goal of having juries that contain a fair cross-section of our communities. These changes are the product of spirited debate and many hours of hard work by a diverse, brilliant, and dedicated group of civic-minded people. I urge you to recommend passage.